

*Enquiry about P. W. D. Workshops Superintendent,
Mr. J. W. Chacko*

55. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Special Officer appointed to conduct an enquiry regarding the allegations found in local newspapers against Mr. J. W. Chacko, the Superintendent of the P. W. D. Workshops, has submitted the report ;

(b) if so, the date on which the report was submitted ;

(c) the nature of the enquiry that was ordered ; and

(d) whether they have considered the report ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) On 25-7-1935.

(c) Departmental enquiry.

(d) The report is under consideration.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the nature of the enquiry that was ordered to be made ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was a departmental enquiry,

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Was it a confidential enquiry ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether any petitions have been filed before Government against Mr. Chacko ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, complaints have been received.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether these complaints have been examined by the Special Officer ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Special Officer was not given any special directions in that respect. But I think he must have examined the complaints and collected necessary evidence before he formed his conclusions.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): What were the conclusions arrived at by the Special Officer ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): His report is confidential at this stage. Government have not passed final orders yet.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know who the Special Officer was ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. Sankaran Pandalai.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether he is not supposed to be a responsible officer ?

PRESIDENT : What is the purport of the question, please ?

M. K. R. ELENKATH (Kalkulam I) : I am asking that in order that no doubts as to his decisions may be entertained by the members.

PRESIDENT : He was a High Court Judge; he is a High Court Judge. What more do you want to know about him ?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (Chirayinkil I) : What are the charges against Mr. Chacko ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (Chief Secretary to Government) : The matter is confidential. Until orders are passed, I cannot divulge the contents of the Report.

Conversion of the trace from Kollenpuzha to Mananakkku

56 * **MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (Chirayinkil II) :** With reference to the answer to question No. 114, given on the floor of the Assembly on the 27th July 1935, regarding the preparation of the estimate for the conversion of the trace from Kollenpuzha to Mananakkku (part of the Attingal-Dalayapuram trace) into a cart road, will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the estimate is prepared ; and

(b) whether arrangements have been made for the commencement of the work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : (a) Yes.

(b) No.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (Chirayinkil II) : May I know the estimated cost of the road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : The estimate is being scrutinised by the Division Officer. It has not yet been sent to the Chief Engineer.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (Chirayinkil II) : May I know whether the people have not been pressing the need for a road there ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : Yes.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (Chirayinkil II) : In view of the necessity of the road, will the Chief Engineer call for the estimate immediately with a view to the construction of the road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) : The Division Officer has promised to send the estimate as soon as he has perused it and checked it.

Venkulam Railway Station.

57. * **MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (Chirayinkil II) :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made arrangements with the South Indian Railway Company for the commencement of the construction of the Venkulam Railway Station ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (Secretary to Government) : Steps are being taken for the construction of the Railway Station in question.